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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 6 NAC: GROMYKO DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

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1. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATE 24424 COVERING SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO'S FEBRUARY 3-5 DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. THIS TIMELY AND SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO USNATO 0582 ENABLED ME TO OPEN FEBRUARY 6 NAC WITH A STATEMENT DRAWN FROM REFTEL WHICH SET RIGHT TONE FOR THE MEETING. U.S.

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PRESENTATION DREW WARM PRAISE FROM, AMONG OTHERS, SYG LUNS, AMBASSADOR KRAPF (FRG) AND COUNCIL DEAN DE STAERCCKE (BELGIUM).

2. IN RESPONDING TO U.S. STATEMENT, KRAPF TOOK GROMYKO'S

REMARKS TO THE SECRETARY ON CSCE AS FURTHER INDICATION THAT SOVIETS ARE DIGGING IN THEIR HEELS ON BASKET III ISSUES AND ON THE INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS QUESTION. KRAPF SAID THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE LATTER ISSUE WAS PERHAPS THE MORE DANGEROUS SINCE MOSCOW SEEMED UNPREPARED TO ACCEPT ANYTHING IN THIS AREA BEYOND MINOR, MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CHANGES IN NATIONAL FRONTIERS. THIS WOULD TOTALLY RULE OUT THE FUTURE ABOLITION OF BORDERS THAT MIGHT BE THE PRODUCT OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND/OR GERMAN REUNIFICATION.

3. DE STAERCKE SAID TIMELY U.S. PRESENTATION WAS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW ALLIANCE CONSULTATION SHOULD BE. GIVING FULL WEIGHT TO U.S. VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE SECRETARY, THOUGH ALLIES SHOULD NOW CONCENTRATE FURTHER ON THIS AND OTHER EVIDENCE THAT SOVIETS WERE ADOPTING A TOUGH LINE ON CSCE, BERLIN AND OTHER EUROPEAN ISSUES.

4. SYG LUNS SAID THAT FURTHER ALLIANCE DELIBERATION WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS AREA.

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